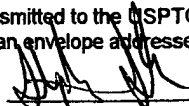


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In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2005, submitted herewith is the following:

1. Amendment (17 pages)
2. Amended FIG.1 (1 page)
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In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the present application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper, and include and one (1) replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.